**Statement**

(a) *New Electronic Exchanges installed during 1997-98*

| S.No. | Station |
|---|---|
| 1. | Bagmara |
| 2. | Marowa |
| 3. | Belsore |
| 4. | Sasoni |
| 5. | Jhanjijamaguri |
| 6. | Dadra |
| 7. | Mirza |
| 8. | Kamalpur |
| 9. | Borihat |
| 10. | Kalapahar |
| 11. | Kheroni |
| 12. | Bhuragaon |
| 13. | Ambagan |
| 14. | Uriagaon |
| 15. | Chowdhury Bazar |
| 16. | Borpujia |
| 17. | Jakhalabanda |
| 18. | Srikona |
| 19. | Salganga |
| 20. | Pailapool |
| 21. | Kashipur |
| 22. | Jalalapur |
| 23. | Dalgaon |
| 24. | Harisinga |
| 25. | Nappam |

(b) *New Electronic Exchanges planned to be installed during 1998-99*

| Sl. No. | Station | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | RRL-Jorhat | Commissioned |
| 2. | Meharpur-Silchar | Commissioned |
| 3. | Satgaon Guwahati | Commissioned |
| 4. | Basistha Charali-Guwahati | Commissioned |
| 5. | North Guwahati | Commissioned |
| 6. | Silonijan | Commissioned |
| 7. | Gelcky | Commissioned |
| 8. | Kuthori | Commissioned |
| 9. | Dargakona | Commissioned |
| 10. | Mandia | Commissioned |
| 11. | Charaibahi | Commissioned |
| 12. | Betadrova | Commissioned |
| 13. | Kala Cheray | Commissioned |
| 14. | Baithalangshu | |
| 15. | Machagarh | |
| 16. | Dhekiul | |
| 17. | Chagolia | |
| 18. | Salkocha | |
| 19. | Halakura | |
| 20. | Baithamari | |
| 21. | Bhowraguri | |
| 22. | Tantoo | |
| 23. | Sadin Bazar | |
| 24. | Bantarapur | |
| 25. | Borsola | |
| 26. | Pithaguli | |

**Filling up the Vacancy of Phone Mechanics**

1426. SHRI MUNAVAAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees working under, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and West Bengal circle having qualified the phone mechanic examination and getting training have not been posted so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which Government are likely to appoint all such employees to the post of phone mechanic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some of such employees are awaiting their posting as Telecom Mechanic (previously known as Phone Mechanic) due to non-availability of vacancies in the cadre of Telecom Mechanic.

(c) All such employees having qualified the Phone Mechanic examination and trained will be posted gradually on availability of post of Telecom Mechanic.